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We Can Only Hope

The action of the Senate in approving the treaty banning nuclear tests in the atmosphere was, in its way, a grimly vivid commentary on the world we live in.

The favorable vote, 80 to 19, was much larger than the required two-thirds majority. But there was little exultation, little feeling that a really long step toward world peace had been taken. It is fair to say that most of those voting for the treaty, Democrats and Republicans alike, did so with reservations. And the President, in his eloquent message urging approval, made it clear that no millennium is to be expected.

Why, then was this treaty approved, and without amendment? The answers are several. World opinion of peoples everywhere was certainly an element. So was the feeling that any measure of control over nuclear weapons is much better than none. An overriding consideration was that the admitted risks in the agreement will prove to be outweighed by possible gains. And, finally, a question of U.S. world prestige and leadership was at stake.

Beyond all this, the fact remains that the Soviets have violated solemn treaties directly, or by subterfuge. It is this that must be watched with infinite care in the present case, and the President has promised that it will be done. We, along with more than 100 other nations, now have the treaty and the hopes that go with it. Will they be fulfilled?

Low Flying Complaint

Announcement of one homeowners' group that it will campaign against "low-flying airplanes" in the vicinity of Torrance Municipal airport can serve a useful purpose, even prevent possible accidents, if carried on objectively and with a minimum of emotionalism and bitterness.

Representatives of the group should present their complaints with evidence of violations to the airport management who should in turn take such steps as are legal and necessary to end any abuses.

Only qualified aviation experts are able to estimate the altitude of an airplane actually flying between 400 to 1000 feet above the ground. Often, the average layman will insist an airplane flew over his house "only a couple of hundred feet high" when in fact the craft could have been at 500 feet.

It is encouraging to note that this homeowner group hasn't advocated the closing of the airport as have some others in the past. They seem to be seeking correction of practices they believe to be dangerous and a nuisance and probably can offer proof that the nature of their complaints justifies careful consideration and action by the airport authorities.

Dr. Hull's Honor

Among the six Southern California educators honored last week by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, was Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District. Along with the others he received the American educators medal in dogwood design emblematic of the teachings of General George Washington.

Many critics of the American education system feel the present generation is not being properly instructed in American history and the heritage established by leaders in past generations that not only fashioned but preserved the freedoms we all enjoy today. It is encouraging to know that the Freedoms Foundation considers the head of our Torrance school system worthy of this outstanding recognition.

Dr. Hull is to be congratulated and his fellow citizens may be pardoned for sharing with him this signal honor.

Opinions of Others

President Kennedy's recent tour of the West's more rugged rural areas was a pretty fair example of that old pre-campaign gambit indulged in by Presidents of both party persuasions, the non-political political trip.

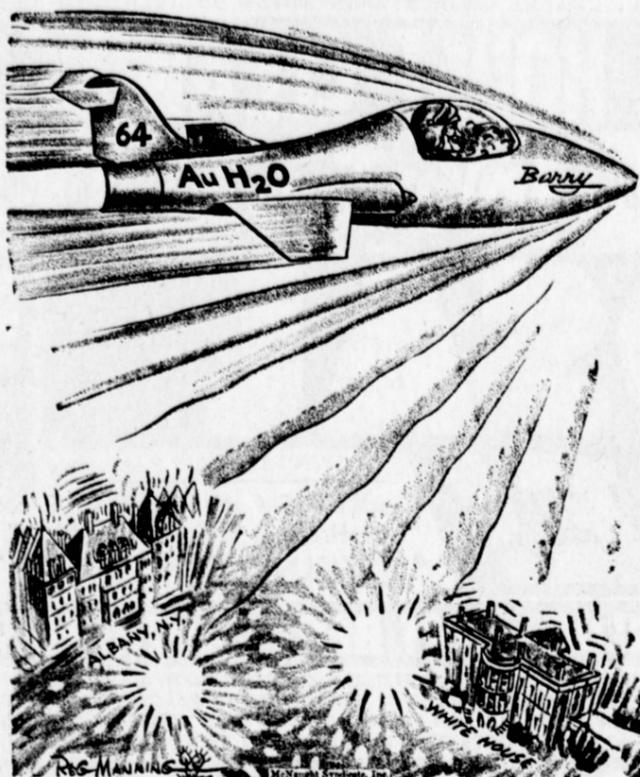
The gimmick, of course, is to find a superficially logical excuse for a stumping trip. President Roosevelt used to go on defense plant tours. Mr. Kennedy's asserted goal was a conservation study. Although the general public usually takes these trips in good humor and with tongue in cheek, there is quite a bit of buzzing going around that President Kennedy didn't carry his off too well.

One of the most vigorous of these dissents came the other day from the president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Edward P. Neilan. Mr. Neilan used the Kennedy foray as an example of what he called "government by deception." Although he granted that the Presidential trip was "a kind of hairy old political joke," he maintained that in principle it was part and parcel of the administration's policy of invoking the magic words "national security" to cover many of its ideological exercises.

The people laugh, Mr. Neilan said, when such trips are announced solemnly as non-political. But what, he concludes, is funny about "using taxpayers' money to win votes?" It's something to think about.—California Feature Service.

WILLIAMSTOWN, KY., NEWS: "It was recently pointed out that one in every sixty Americans now achieves his home in the form of federal government public housing. This is in addition to the many aids provided by federal government in helping keep mortgages inexpensive and to enable the private citizen to obtain his own home by private, long-term payments. One planning consultant, Carl Feiss, of Washington, puts his fears this way: You're getting into a situation in which public housing children will themselves get married, live in public housing, and raise children in public housing, and you'll get a new kind of 'dependence' society."

Sonic Boom!



ROYCE BRIER

Spain and U. S. Allies At Odds With History

The United States and Spain are practically allies, and who would believe it? Not George Washington.

If you will glance at an excellent new book, *Ark of Empire*, you will see Washington was several times hard-put to avoid war with Spain, which controlled the Mississippi in the 1790s. There was also the little trouble over Cuba a century later.

But most Americans were really annoyed with Senor Franco in the 1930s. Franco was beholden to Mussolini and Hitler for his revolution. He gave moral support to Hitler's grandiose New Order, but when the chips were down in the 1940s, he found it prudent to stay out. When the New Order collapsed, Franco looked like a doomed man.

Instead, he survived, and here it is, almost 20 years! Quite reasonable observers have been saying recently that Franco has relaxed, that he no longer runs the police state that marked his earlier years.

Spain today is hardly a democracy, but if it is an autarchy, it is vaguely paternal. Some effort has been made to alleviate the hard lot of the Spanish masses, a lot prevailing for centuries. The core of American, British and French anti-Franco sentiment seems to have relaxed, too.

In any case, the Iberian peninsula is strategically of great importance to the Atlantic community. Its importance to the United States has increased with President de Gaulle's tendency to go it alone in the West.

In 1953, Franco admitted American air and naval bases to Spain. He needed both economic and military aid, and a friendly climate for trade. He also wanted to join NATO, but he hasn't yet made it. The aid has been substantial: economic about \$1.2 billion, military about \$600 million.

Two years ago Franco said he wanted to "renovate" the 10-year agreement. We don't know the terms of the renovation, but observers are predicting an immediate increase of American military strength in Spain.

Secretary Rusk released a joint statement, and it reads like an alliance, though it is not one legally. The two countries "reaffirm their friendship and mutual trust, and their determination to establish a close cooperation in order to strengthen the common defense . . . a threat to either country, and the other will be bound to respond."

One of the most dangerous maneuvers on the road is the left hand turn, warns the Portland, Oregon, Traffic Safety Commission. Make certain the other driver knows what you are going to do, and remember, the car approaching you in the opposite lane generally has the right-of-way.

Editor, Torrance Herald: I read your editorial regarding the draft exemption in the Thursday paper. I can't quite agree with your thought in the last paragraph. A tour of military duty is a wonderful thing for any young man; it gives him opportunities that in many cases he would never have for travel and education. So far as it being an uncertainty, any young man may plan his military obligation almost to the Nth degree if he associates with a reserve component in any of the services. In addition, all of the services allow deferment of active duty until completion of education. Any boy who wants to go to college may do so, and is encouraged to do so. As a matter of fact, the various services want the college man in their program because he is potential officer material. I have talked with many boys who have completed their two- or three-year tour of active duty and there are, very, very few who did not enjoy it, did not think it worthwhile, or did not think it was necessary. Those boys who think a tour in the military service is some sort of

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From the Mailbox

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AFTER HOURS By John Morley

Columnist Leaves Next Week on World News Trip

WASHINGTON, D. C. — We're completing our usual press-rounds in the capital in preparations for our new trip around the world, starting next week, to return in February.

In press conferences and private talks with key officials a correspondent has an opportunity to crystallize the latest shifts of U. S. foreign policy and some of the global strategy under the present negotiation, as a background of his observations abroad. Over a period of 30 years, covering the headline areas of the world, change is the most common denominator wherever we saw man live and human nature prevail. It is said that everything changes . . . only man remains to cope with it.

Change forces our fluid foreign policy . . . for last year's friends often become enemies, and last year's enemies may become friends. Politics, economics, greed, misunderstanding, envy, or just the force of human inconsistency, swing the pendulum constantly among nations between loyalty and rivalry, and between peace and war.

It is said that there is no such thing among nations as permanent friends or permanent enemies . . . just permanent interests.

We have been over much of this world route in more than 25 news trips. We have lived as a boy in some of these war-weary lands before launching our reporting and lecturing career. Our acquaintances with world leaders serves as an important source of inside facts. Friendship of long standing with foreign officials, members of Rotary abroad, missionaries, educators and other informed citizens, all serve as a diversified backdrop to our own observations.

As always, we shall cover the news-significant . . . pleasant or painful . . . but with special emphasis on the signposts of world betterment over the sensationalism of bedlam.

There can be no simple solutions in a world where two-thirds are starving and one-third dieting. But each of our previous news trips recorded progress in the economic improvement of the two-thirds and major concern of the impoverished millions by the last third.

It is becoming more apparent that most world leaders recognize the nuclear chips are now . . . and reason is replacing Russian roulette.

What we see and hear will be reported as usual in these columns . . . with a maximum of objectivity and a minimum of tranquilizing political expediency of the right or left.

Our world news trip will begin in Mexico City next week . . . today a take-off point for trade and spy traffic to Communist Cuba.

Then to politically-torn Guatemala where the current chief of state, Enrique Azurdia, broke off diplomatic relations with Britain over arms shipments to neighboring Honduras.

Next Caracas . . . a major base of Free Cuban operations against Castro . . . and center of Caribbean political intrigue.

We then proceed to Africa, via Lisbon . . . where the Portuguese government is in turmoil over increasing African attacks on its territories in Angola and Guinea.

Then to Casablanca and the mounting political crisis between the powerful Na-

tional Union of Popular Forces and King Hassan II of Morocco.

Algiers is a hub for news. Premier Ben Bella's recent seizure of former European-owned lands is an ominous turn to the communist left. Algeria is twice the size of Egypt and should the Ben Bella-Nasser coalition stick, a new power play may be imminent against King Hussein of Jordan, as well as Israel.

Out route will continue via Tunis into Europe, Berlin, Vienna, Belgrade, Athens, the Black sea, into Russia, Rumania, Bulgaria; then back to Istanbul and Turkey's strategic Dardanelles, a perennial target of Soviet design.

Then to Bagdad, long torn by revolution and presently in crisis over the dispute between the Iraq government and the Kurds: The Northern Kurdish provinces of Erbil, Kirkuk, Mosul, Sulaimaniya and the important Iraq Petroleum Company refineries are reported under siege.

We move on over the desert to Damascus, the ominous pivot of Ba'athist Party revolt to remove Nasser's influence in Syrian affairs. Then to Beirut, Palestine and Cairo for the latest developments in the Israel-Arab dispute.

We follow the Suez-Indian Ocean route over Africa to India, Ceylon, Burma and to Kuala Lumpur, capital of the new Federation of Malaysia, joining Malaya, Singapore, Sarawak, North Borneo in a dramatic face-change of Southeast Asia.

After stopovers in Singapore and Bangkok, we headquarter in Saigon, our base for coverage of the Vietnam war and Laotian crisis.

Then to Hong Kong, Macao, Formosa and strategic Quemoy, Free China's advance base of defense against communist attack from Amoy.

Finally, after a political and economic survey of Japan for a special report, we will return to the U. S. in February . . . perhaps a bit weary, but we hope a bit wiser.

En Route to England

I think there must be some mistake. I seem to be on my way to some place called: "Wilton Park, Steyning, Sussex." To attend a two-week conference on something called: "The Common Market and the Third World: Economics." And I keep wondering if maybe I've been getting Mr. Walter Lippmann's mail by mistake.

But, being an ace newsman, I struck while the invitation was hot. I accepted it for the usual reasons we ace newsmen accept invitations to go abroad: (1) the opportunity to broaden my horizons, (2) the chance to deepen my scope and (3) an airplane ticket.

Frankly, I regret it already. It's never easy for us ace newsmen. What's never easy is to pay back whoever it was that gave us the ticket.

I hope I'm not giving away trade secrets, but the traditional way we do it is to slip a few hidden plugs into our stories so smoothly you'd hardly notice them. Like: "As our modern, up-to-the-minute East Peoria Airways tri-motor bi-plane soared heavenward on its weekly attempt to cross the Atlantic at the ridiculously low fare of only \$17.42 (ask about their bereaved family plan), I couldn't help but wonder about the common market and the third world: economics."

Then we follow up that socko lead by swinging into a brilliant analysis of the common market and the third world: economics. Or half an analysis. Because we have to break off midway so we have room to say: "Well, I guess it's time to break off this analysis of the common market and the third world: economics. Because here comes our cute, hip-wagging East Peoria Airways stewardess with our gourmet East Peoria Airways 'Dejeuner dans le ciel.' Oh, I can hardly wait to sink my teeth into that mouth-watering East Peoria Airways peanut butter and jelly sandwich. How East Peoria Airways can afford real margarine at the ridiculously low fare of \$17.42."

That's the traditional way. And I'm a traditionalist. But I've got problems. For I got my ticket by roundabout courtesy of the Ford Foundation.

It's an awful spot for an ace newsman to be in. I can't just say the Ford Foundation is a very nice, friendly rich foundation and if you wish a free ticket to somewhere, be sure to see them first. I'm sure the Foundation would appreciate a plug like this immensely. But it lacks subtlety. And we ace newsmen do have an image of integrity to uphold, you know.

Nor can I figure any way to work a plug in gracefully. Like: "We must ford the Atlantic on a new foundation of mutual understanding." Who'd believe you can cross the Atlantic on a foundation?

Oh, I'll be drummed out of the Overseas Press Club. For failing to uphold their finest tradition. Which reminds me, if you bump into Mr. Lippmann, you might suggest that if he gets a package from the Overseas Press Club, he soak it in a bucket of water.

I still think our mail's mixed up.

Quote

RICHARD BEARD, Montclair—"By letting Russia support its own satellite nations instead of our doing it for them, the USSR might run a little short of money for building bombs, aircraft and missiles."

BILLY GRAHAM, Evangelist, speaking in L.A. — "In one sense, the husband and wife are co-equal in the home, but when it comes to the governmental arrangement of the family, then the man is to be the head of the home."

Morning Report:

The way the Alliance for Progress is going in Latin America, we are soon going to find ourselves allied with ourselves.

The idea two years ago was that we would export money and democracy to the countries south of the border and they would progress. It hasn't worked out exactly that way. Already the military has taken over in Peru, the Dominican Republic and Honduras. They want no part of democracy. And we're sending generals to Brazil and Venezuela to see if they can talk the military into letting freedom grow among the millions of American dollars.

Yes, the Alliance is in trouble. I don't know if it's under-financed or over-principled.

Abe Mellinkoff